

The Year of Sowing

Prayer Guide

Week 50

The Year of Sowing – With Expectation

For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

2 Corinthians 9:10 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: The promises of God are sure, because the character of God is true and faithful. God promises that just as a farmer sows his seed with the expectation that he will reap a harvest and have bread to eat, in the same way we are to sow our seeds with the expectation that there will be a harvest. This expectation is not based upon our feelings or our circumstances, but rather, on the faithful promise of our faithful God. Any farmer will tell you that after the time of sowing there is a time of waiting. The farmer does not wake up each morning, walk around his field and worry whether the seeds will bring a harvest. He trusts in the nature of the seed. It is in the nature of the seed to produce the harvest. Worrying adds nothing to the effectiveness of the harvest (Matthew 6:27). As we sow seeds in the areas of serving, finances, family, honor and the gifts, we sow with the expectation that God will bring the increase as He promises in these verses. Sometimes that harvest comes soon, at other times we may not live to see the harvest of the seeds that we sow. But in eternity the righteous judge of all things will give to us that final reward, the final recompense for our faithful sowing. The timing is up to the Lord of the harvest, not us. Our responsibility is to sow faithfully with the expectation that there will indeed be a harvest for the glory of God. Let this spirit of expectation fill your heart in times when it seems the harvest has delayed a long time. Let us sow our seeds knowing the harvest will come because our faithful God promised.

Day 1: Praise the Lord that it is His faithfulness that assures us of a harvest, not our circumstances or feelings.

Day 2: If you are in a time of waiting, trust the Lord to bring the harvest at the right time.

Day 3: Confess any ways that you have been impatient waiting for the harvest or complained to God that He was too slow to bring the harvest.

Day 4: Ask the Lord to give you the patience and the faith to believe Him for His harvest in his time.

Day 5: Intercede for the members of your church to have a spirit of expectation as they sow seeds for the Kingdom.

Day 6: Pray for other churches in your city to be faithful in sowing these seeds and seeing a harvest.

Day 7: Pray for the missionaries you know, that they might have patient expectation of the harvest. It is often very difficult on the mission field.